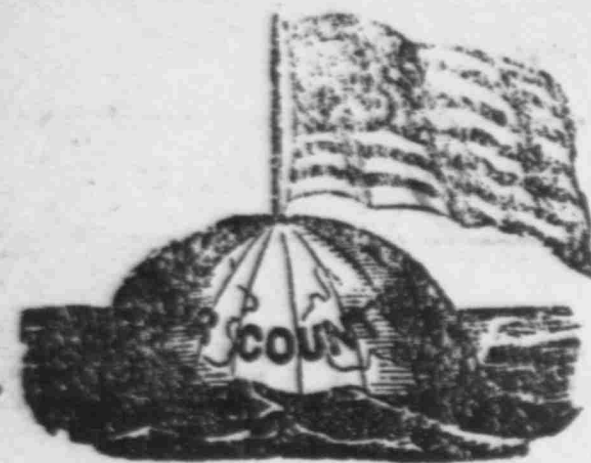


THE OCALA BANNER

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Senator Ben Tillman was critically ill on Sunday, but was reported as much better yesterday.

Other towns are now saying that they must get busy and follow Ocala's example and cultivate the sidewalk habit.

Japan is preparing to make China stand and deliver more of the goods. And England and France are a party to this robbery.—Apalachicola Times.

The red-headed beauties of this glorious gulf coast country are reveling in the bright sunshine, and they grow more beautiful with each advancing year.—Apalachicola Times.

Mind how you say "objectionable" things to Claude L'Engle. He is very "touchy"—and treacherous—he is your friend today and tomorrow your enemy.—Madison Recorder.

In view of so many candidates announcing for office in Hillsborough county, the St. Petersburg Independent has installed a cash register in its office.—Lake City Index.

A Waterloo man has had a vision of Roosevelt and Bryan running on the same ticket. He should cut out the mince-pie habit just before going to bed.—Des Moines Capital.

Bryan's revival of his old lecture "The Prince of Peace," is, we contend untimely and irrelevant in this period of superlative strenuousness and political strife.—Tampa Tribune.

Congress has restored the motto, "In God We Trust" on our coins, but will go steadily forward building great naval ships, bigger guns and a larger standing army. The motto is a very pleasant deception.

It is rumored that Albertus Vogt, Duke of Dunnellon, has again struck oil—should say phosphates—and is about to get in the Vanderbilt class. The Tribune gives him the long-distance glad hand.—Tampa Tribune.

We note that Editor Powell, who said that he was too busy looking after the editorial and business end of his paper to read his exchanges, has accepted the position of clerk to the board of trade.

The Miami News-Record, anti-Carrie, says of Mrs. Carrie Nation, who is now abiding in that city: "But, with all her lack of training and knowledge, with all her bitterness toward some classes, even with her hate for the president, there is behind it all an evident love for her fellowmen."

We see from an article which we reprint from the Breeder's Gazette that there is now a market for gallstones. Here is a chance for Editor Claude of the Tallahassee Sun and Editor Stoneman of the Miami News-Record. Eat gall juice and vomit gall stones at each other.

The New York democratic state committee voted almost solidly in favor of an un instructed delegate to the Denver convention. After the committee meeting Harry W. Walker announced that W. J. Bryan would begin a speaking tour in New York state on April 10. Chairman Connors in an interview declared himself for Gov. John A. Johnston for the presidential nomination.

Tampa is in hard lines. She recently had a disastrous fire. She is about to lose her mail service to Cuba, and now her postmaster has issued a notice that the rental of all postoffice boxes would be increased, beginning April 1. All 75c. boxes are to be \$1; all \$1 boxes are to be \$1.50; all \$1.50 boxes are to be \$2; all \$2 boxes are to be \$3. So the dear, suffering public may govern itself accordingly.

It is generally conceded that Hon. J. N. C. Stockton will be the next governor of Florida.—Gainesville Sun. Of course this statement is merely a breath of hot air. It is not generally conceded at all that Mr. Stockton is to be the next governor of Florida, because the voters are taking very little interest in the campaign—the politicians and heelers alone seem busy. A gentleman was in our office yesterday and he said that he had traveled a great deal up and down the state, and so far as he could judge the sentiment seems to be crystallizing in favor of Gilchrist.

NEWSPAPERS, RAILROADS AND FREE PASSES

The theory for a long time prevailed that the railroads and newspapers were the great developers of our country. That they both belonged to go hand in hand together, the primal object of each being to make known the character of country through which the railroads traversed, thereby inducing immigration, and building up the waste places; substituting flowers for thistles; converting miasmatic morasses into lettuce and celery beds, and almost impenetrable swamps and forests into fruitful orchards.

That was the theory of our early promoters and pioneers, and we have only to look at the map of Florida—the map of any state in the Union—the map of the United States as a whole before and after the building of our railroads and the establishment of our newspapers, to show how magnificently their efforts were crowned with success.

The marvelous growth of the whole country tells its own story. Its history, its developments, its revelations, put our little politicians to very shame!

The railroads cheerfully gave the newspapers transportation over their lines in return for advertising space and write-ups, the primal object of both being the introduction of immigration—the peopling of the country with an industrious population through which instrumentalities everybody was to be benefited and either directly or indirectly everybody was benefited.

Waste lands were to be brought under cultivation; towns and cities were to be built up; by the introduction of a progressive population, schools and churches and printing presses were to be established, markets were to be opened, and a general benefit was to accrue.

The newspapers felt that they were not the recipient of graft nor special privileges in receiving the transportation, and in issuing it to them the railroad companies had no intention to bribe nor corrupt them—it was a mutual exchange of courtesies for one common and patriotic purpose—the building up of communities and the betterment of conditions.

The editor of this paper never in his life accepted transportation over any railroad that he did not feel that he had given in return value received full and running over, not only to the railroad company, but all along the section of country through which the road traversed. He did not feel that he was getting something for nothing.

He remembers on one occasion going to Manatee county. It was just after the great freeze, when that section had escaped the almost general catastrophe. He was greatly impressed with the possibilities of that section and gave his impressions through the columns of the Ocala Banner.

From the letters he received from the leading citizens of that section he was made to feel that he had performed a meritorious service and that the whole territory had been benefited by his visit. He paid his hotel bills and other frills and accessories, and all he got in return was a little free transportation.

He also visited the Fort Myers section, with the same object in view and with the same result. He visited the Miami section while the Dade county fair was in full blast and was such a revelation.

He was flattered with the voluntary statements of many of its citizens saying that the benefits they expected to derive from the splendid things he had said of the possibilities of that section was worth more than the price of an annual pass over its railroad till doomsday.

And so from time to time the editor of this paper has visited various sections of Florida, from the pineapple farms of Dade county to the tobacco fields of Gadsden. Indeed, he has traversed the state from Pensacola to Key West, giving each section as fine a write-up as he was able, and he feels that to some extent he has been a benefactor to the state. Certainly the good accomplished overbalances the compensation of free transportation.

No longer than yesterday a letter reached this office, in which the writer says: "I notice a piece copied from your paper into one of our North Carolina papers written by Mr. Henry Watterson, which interests me very much. I would like to know what place in Florida it is which he speaks so highly of. I am coming to your state to buy a small orange grove and make a home, and of course I want the benefit of the best climate you've got. Can you tell me where a letter will reach Mr. Watterson?"

That article from Henry Watterson, unsolicited and unpaid for, is worth to the Naples section in particular and to all other sections of Florida, generally, more than all the railroad passes Mr. Watterson could use during the term of his natural life. Scout the idea of making their acceptance a crime. "What fools we mortals be."

When the National Press Association met in Florida the thousands of letters the editors wrote back to their

home papers about our undeveloped resources and balmy climate, measured in dollars and cents, was worth millions to the state.

The idea that the extension of these courtesies are corrupting and a menace to the perpetuity of our free institutions is the most purile rot of the centuries.

When Mr. Flagler's attention was directed to Florida, who can value its worth to the state in dollars and cents?

When the editor of this paper attended his first meeting with the National Press Association which met that year in Detroit, in the course of a little off-hand talk he remembers to have said that he verily believed that if the said association had been formed in the earlier stages of the republic the civil war would have been averted, for it was largely brought on by the newspapers. If, he said, these moulders of public opinion could have freely mingled with the people of all sections of the country, that it would have softened their tone and temper and the southern editors, seeing with their own eyes the powerful resources of the north, would have hesitated the urging of a trial of strength with her, especially as the south was sparsely populated and wholly unprepared for such a gigantic combat.

These national press gatherings were largely instrumental in unifying and bridging over the "bloody chasm," bringing about a restoration of good feeling, and to this extent at least were a national blessing.

It is impossible to measure the good flowing from these gatherings in dollars and cents.

The owners of the railroads, who have millions invested in them, felt that they were more than repaid in the various write-ups for the transportation and other courtesies extended to the members of the association; but now the noodleheads, who have assumed charge of these vast corporations, without a dollar at stake, and seeking applause from the galleries, say that these things are corrupting and must stop!

What this country needs more than anything else is a return to common sense.

Senator Bryan was in many ways the foremost young man in Florida. At the early age of thirty-one, when his splendid career has been closed in obedience to the divine will of God, Mr. Bryan had, by his example and activities of a clean, vigorous, brave and manly life, won the confidence and respect of the people of Florida and the devoted friendship and admiration of those with whom he was associated. He represented with uncommon faithfulness and conspicuous ability the highest aims and noblest traditions of the people of Florida, and in his untimely death this loyal and devoted people are bowed in a great common grief.

Learned, ambitious, eloquent and universally popular, Senator Bryan was the idol of a large proportion of the people of this state and his progress at the bar and in the councils of the country was observed with feelings of pride by all Floridians. Yet deeper and stronger ties to the public affection Mr. Bryan furnished in his stainless and unblemished character in public and private life. His

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE SENATOR BRYAN

At a meeting of the governor and the administrative officers of the executive department of the state of Florida, held in the executive office Monday, March 23, 1908, it was resolved that intelligence has been received with profound sorrow of the death in Washington, D. C., on March 22, 1908, of the Honorable William James Bryan, junior United States senator from this state, and that the undersigned do join in this expression of deep regret at the death of this honorable and distinguished citizen and trusted representative of the people, whose short life has been so richly filled with useful and meritorious achievements, and gave such rare promise of brilliant and valuable service in the future to the people of Florida and of the nation.

Life has been a glorious victory for himself and a record of honor for the state of Florida.

It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon a page of the minutes of the board of commissioners of state institutions, to be set apart for that purpose, a copy hereof be furnished to the family of the deceased, and copies also be furnished to the press.

N. B. BROWARD,

Governor.

H. CLAY, CRAWFORD,

Secretary of State.

W. H. ELLIS,

Attorney General.

A. C. CROOM,

Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT,

State Treasurer.

W. M. HOLLOWAY,

Supt. Public Instruction.

B. E. McLIN,

Commissioner of Agriculture.

KENTUCKYIZING FLORIDA

We submit that the Ocala Banner is unhappy in its selection of a corroborative instance when it cites Kentucky, and when it rejoices in the defeat of Beckham. He was the choice of a state wide primary of the party which was regarded with fidelity by everyone but four of the seventy democrats elected to the legislature. If a primary is not the fairest and most authoritative expression of party wishes, if it is not impartial and truly representative, then our theory of democratic politics is wrong. The four recalcitrant democrats endeavored to force down the throats of their party men who had not even been voted for at the primary, and in default of being able to accomplish that they joined the republicans in the selection of a republican for United States senator. If that is honest, broad, anti-machine democracy, then we have studied politics and the English language in vain.—Tampa Times.

The Tampa Times has studied the English language to little purpose if it has construed any utterance of the Ocala Banner indicating that the condition of politics in Kentucky is pleasing to it. On the contrary, the whole tone and tendency of the utterances of this paper have been to warn the democrats of Florida against the methods adopted by the democrats of Kentucky.

The governor of Florida stands committed to the primary system. Has he not acted for all the world like the four recalcitrant democrats of Kentucky? And will this not have the tendency to Kentuckyize Florida? Can the governor of Florida set a precedent and then complain of others for following his example? He refused to commission Stoneman in Dade county, and has pursued this policy in other counties.

Can the Times denounce the four recalcitrant democrats in the Kentucky legislature and hold up the hands of the governor of Florida for doing precisely "the same thing?"

STONEMAN STILL STONING THE GOVERNOR

On Friday night N. B. Broward, present governor of Florida, addressed a large crowd at the big tent in this city.

It was understood that his talk would be upon the question of drainage, and many went to hear him on that important question.

He was presented to his audience by Mrs. Carry Nation and introduced as "our dry governor," and proceeded for a time to deliver a very fair imitation of a prohibition speech.

Has the governor an idea that the people of this county have forgotten his position on the dispensary, when in the legislature he was at the head and front of a strong movement to require the entire state of Florida to go into the liquor business?

Only a short time ago a keeper of a blind tiger at ea Breeze was arrested, was tried and convicted in the criminal court of record of Volusia county. He was fined one thousand dollars for his violation of law.

The case was appealed, and pending decision the blind tiger keeper attempted to flee the country. The officers went after him and brought him back.

The verdict and judgment of the criminal court were affirmed.

Then what happened? The board of pardons of which Broward is presiding officer reduced the fine of one thousand dollars to a fine of ten, and turned the criminal loose.

There's your dry governor, Mrs. Nation.

Broward's professions on prohibition are about as accurate and sincere as his attitude toward the primary.—Miami News-Record.

The Tampa Tribune says it has never been able to understand why the citizens of the various counties of Florida are required by law to pay certain office-holders an annual sum of money from three to six times in excess of what they earn. For instance, a judge of the circuit court receives a salary of \$3000 a year, while the clerk in his court is paid by fees which aggregate from \$10,000 to \$15,000. It is the same with the other county officers who are paid by the fee system—notably the county treasurer, who receives from \$5000 to \$8000 a year. It is safe to say that from \$2000 to \$2500 a year would be ample compensation for any one of the county officers in any of the counties; and even a much lower salary would be sufficient in counties with a small population. Yet every effort to modify the salary or fee list has proven a failure, the legislature declining to pass a law of an economical nature.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Mrs. I. S. Wright, an Ohioan, 83 years old, who is spending the winter at Osmore, a beautiful little town on Lake Harris, in Lake county, caught an alligator the other day with a set fishing line, which measured 12 feet and 2 inches in length and 5 feet and 9 inches around the body. His neighbors and friends think he did wonderful stunt considering his age and he is the hero of the hour.

DEATH OF SENATOR BRYAN

It is said by those who knew him best that Senator William James Bryan, who died at Providence hospital, Washington, D. C., Sunday morning, was possessed of the graces and charms of manner, the accomplishments of the perfect orator and the gifts of eloquence in a rare degree. With it all he had clear and strong convictions, and was courageous and tactful in debate.

With this splendid equipment and before reaching the full fruition of his powers, he found himself occupying a place in the greatest legislative and deliberative assembly in the world, thus giving to him an opportunity vouchsafed to few of earth, and to be thus cut off when thus surrounded and when so much was within his grasp, was certainly a sad and lamentable occurrence.

This paper joins with the press of Florida in the expression of sorrow and drops on his young grave a sincere tear of pity.

OUR STATE POLITICAL MACHINE

The Key West Citizen Not a Poor Little Blind Lamb

When the state of Florida placed in its laws a provision that the governor of Florida could not succeed himself, it did wisely. It was realized that an unscrupulous governor might perpetuate himself in office by using his appointees and dependents as political henchmen. With the state's money he is empowered to send men into every county, and clothed with a certain amount of power they can wield a great influence over politicians everywhere.

The provision has prevented the governor from using the state employees for his re-election, but it has developed in the present campaign that he is not prevented from using them to elect his satellites to office.

Governor Broward is today in control of a big political machine, and is using it with brazen effrontery to control the election of his allies.

It is no longer a secret that the state bank examiners, convict lease inspectors, pure food inspectors, and other traveling state officials are all electioneering for the machine candidates. (What a help it would have been had the state gone into the insurance business, with a corps of agents in each county.)

The candidates who are opposing the friends of the governor are badly handicapped. The state treasury is at the back of the machine, and it may be lax or vigilant in enforcing the law.

And strange it is, the men who are using and are being benefited by the state machine are the bowlers against corporations, while robbing the people of their right to select the officials they are distracting attention by shouting against the abuses of the corporations.

The voters are getting their eyes opened and if we read the signs aright the machine with all of its power will be swept out of existence.—Key West Citizen.

TAYLOR'S LATEST CARTOON

The Tallahassee Sun prints a cartoon on the first page of its current issue that is so repulsive to every sense of ordinary decency that it will further condemn that sheet as one lacking in the commonest principles of journalism. The insult to Representative Lamar and his good wife is one that should certainly call for prompt action on the part of Mr. Lamar and his friends.—Tampa Evening News.

This cartoon will be more or less favorably or unfavorably criticised by the friends and enemies of Mr. Lamar, but as there was no spleen, nor spite, nor malice, intended, the otherwise objectionable features are very much softened and mollified.

Mr. Lamar is too big and broad a man, we take it, to make a stir about a cartoon intended to be harmless and merely mirthful.

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A TRIBUTE OF PATHOS AND ELOQUENCE

Every newspaper in Florida will pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator William James Bryan, but none will explore the depths of the English language more diligently to find words to more feelingly and fittingly express the public sorrow than the tribute paid him by Editor Lambright of the Tampa Evening News.

To be thus embalmed in the sweet, loving and tender meshes of beauty, pathos and metaphor, is enough almost to make the living court the silent solitudes of the tomb.

This tribute from the pen of Editor Lambright falls upon the ear as softly and touches the heart as tenderly as anything we have ever read and leaves behind it a calm and a solace like a prayer and a benediction.

This tribute will be found on another page of today's paper.

There's no kind of doubt about it. Bill Lamar made a fine impression upon the people of the counties in which he visited during the past few weeks. The newspapers of Ocala, Ft. Myers, Tampa and other places in that section of the state, speak of his speeches as eloquent and forceful, full of logic, good sense and convincing argument, and withal refer to him and his candidacy in the most flattering terms. It looks more and more every day like Bill is a winner.—Madison New Enterprise.

It was a singular coincidence that the youngest and oldest United States senators should have died so nearly together. It is also remarkable that so many members of that body should have died so recently. Two from Florida, two from Alabama, one from South Carolina, one from Vermont and one from Maryland, and Senator Tillman is at the same time critically ill.

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